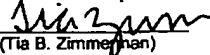


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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 27, 2003 (Paper No. 21), for which a response is due on November 27, 2003. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 27, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.

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